

Press Release: Darlington 2016 Independence Day Celebration

The Darlington Lions Independence Day Committee (DLIDC) is actively making preparations for the 33rd annual Darlington Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 25. Anticipation in the community is high given that last year's parade had to be cancelled due to heavy rain.


In streamlining the parade, a change in staging location has been adopted. This year participants should report to the Darlington Volunteer Fire Company on Castleton Road at 4:00 pm. The parade originates from this location, starting promptly at 5:30 pm. The parade will include antique cars and tractors, representation from multiple fire companies, local politicians, floats from non-profit organizations, and marching bands.

From Castleton Rd the parade will proceed down Main Street in Darlington, then turn onto Shuresville Rd and terminate at Silver Park. These roads will be closed for the duration of the parade and alternate travel routes are shown in the attached. Following the parade, there will be entertainment and food vendors located at Silver Park to await the start of the fireworks at dusk.

The DLIDC is also proud to announce that BGE and Exelon will sponsor the evening fireworks for the event. This is one several Independence Day events BGE is sponsoring as part of its own bicentennial celebration. Event Chair Larry Burton stated that "the contributions of BGE and Exelon have enabled us to plan an expanded fireworks display. In addition, this has allowed us to direct donations from our appeal to local residents and businesses to offer stipends for the participation of a couple of high school marching bands."

Parade Route

- **Start: Darlington Vol Fire Co**
- **Head south on Castleton Rd (Rt 623)**
- **Proceed, turning left onto Shuresville Rd**
- **End: Driveway Entrance to Francis Silver Park**

 icon represents locations where road closures are to be implemented

